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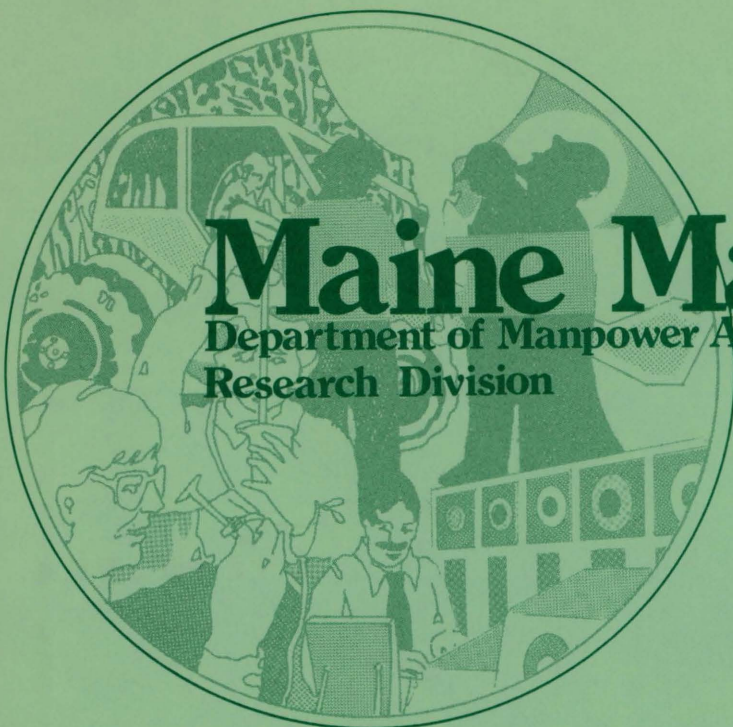
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THE TRADE ACT OF 1974

The Trade Act of 1974 is a federal program which is administered by the Bureau of International Labor Affairs and the Employment and Training Administration of the U.S. Department of Labor through the Maine Department of Manpower Affairs.

Under this Act, workers whose employment is adversely affected by increased imports may apply for "Worker Adjustment Assistance." This includes trade readjustment allowances that provide weekly income for workers to live on while they are unemployed or on reduced work schedules, and a variety of help in preparing for and obtaining new employment. In addition, workers may be eligible for training, job search, and relocation allowances.

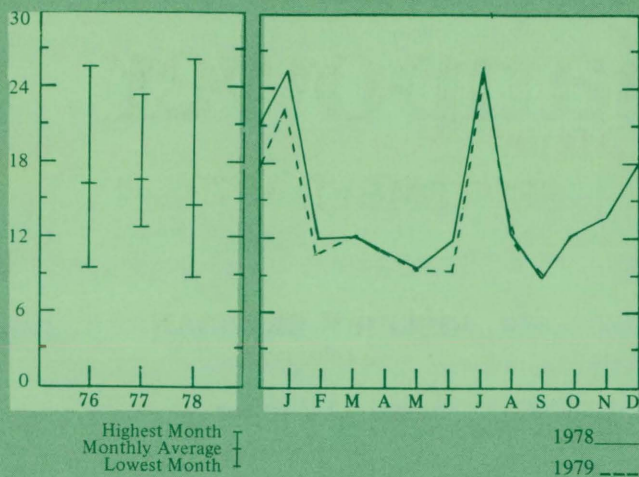
Workers who are unemployed or on a short workweek in an industry affected by imports must petition the U.S. Department of Labor for the eligibility to apply for these special benefits. The petition may be filed by three or more workers, their union, or an authorized employee representative.

If the U.S. Department of Labor determines that increased imports have contributed to the job reductions, the affected workers will be certified to apply for adjustment assistance. The U.S. Department of Labor will determine the impact date which is the date when the layoffs or reduced work schedules began or threatened to begin.

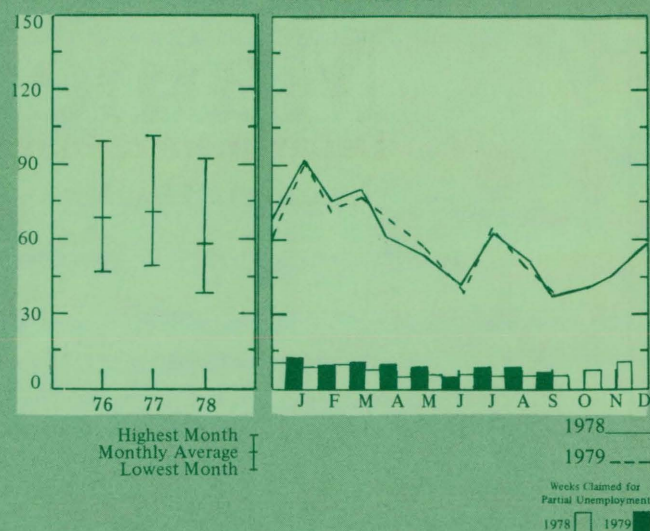
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The Employment Security programs are affiliated with U. S. Employment and Training Administration

UI Initial Claims in Thousands



UI Intrastate Weeks Claimed in Thousands



Labor Turnover Rates in Maine Manufacturing Industries Per 100 Employees

INDUSTRY TITLE	ACCESSION RATES									SEPARATION RATES								
	Total			New Hires			Recalls			Total			Quits			Layoffs		
	Aug. 1979	July 1979	Aug. 1978	Aug. 1979	July 1979	Aug. 1978	Aug. 1979	July 1979	Aug. 1978	Aug. 1979	July 1979	Aug. 1978	Aug. 1979	July 1979	Aug. 1978	Aug. 1979	July 1979	Aug. 1978
	1979	1979	1978	1979	1979	1978	1979	1979	1978	1979	1979	1978	1979	1979	1978	1979	1979	1978
Manufacturing	7.5	5.5	8.2	5.5	4.1	6.6	1.8	1.2	1.3	7.9	6.8	7.7	4.8	2.8	5.4	1.9	3.1	1.2
Durable Goods	6.0	4.5	5.6	4.9	3.4	4.8	0.7	0.7	0.4	5.7	3.8	6.0	3.7	2.2	3.3	0.8	0.6	1.6
Lumber and Wood Products	7.9	7.0	6.7	5.6	4.8	5.5	1.7	1.6	0.7	8.3	5.6	8.5	5.3	2.9	4.3	1.5	1.3	2.9
Metals and Machinery	5.0	3.5	5.0	4.2	2.8	4.4	0.3	0.1	0.2	4.8	3.0	5.1	3.1	1.9	2.9	0.4	0.2	1.2
Other Durable Goods	5.0	2.2	4.9	4.9	2.1	4.4	0.1	0.1	0.2	3.5	2.4	3.8	2.4	1.6	2.6	0.3	0.2	0.2
Nondurable Goods	8.5	6.2	9.7	5.9	4.5	7.6	2.4	1.6	1.8	9.0	8.5	8.6	5.4	3.1	6.5	2.6	4.6	1.0
Food and Kindred Products	17.4	12.0	19.9	13.0	9.1	13.5	4.2	2.9	6.1	12.0	22.9	11.0	5.8	4.6	7.2	5.6	17.9	3.0
Textile Mill Products	6.5	6.9	8.2	5.1	5.8	6.8	1.1	0.8	0.8	9.4	8.1	8.5	6.2	4.6	6.8	2.0	2.3	0.4
Apparel	6.7	5.7	7.7	5.2	3.5	7.3	1.2	2.2	0.4	6.5	4.6	5.5	5.0	3.0	4.7	1.0	0.8	0.2
Paper and Allied Products	1.6	1.8	1.6	1.3	1.6	1.4	0.3	0.1	0.1	3.3	1.4	3.1	2.7	0.6	2.5	0.0	0.4	0.2
Leather and Leather Products	12.3	7.5	11.1	7.3	4.5	9.0	4.8	2.9	1.7	13.5	10.1	12.0	7.7	4.1	9.4	4.3	5.1	0.9
Other Nondurable Goods	5.7	5.9	10.0	4.4	4.8	8.6	1.2	1.0	1.2	8.1	5.9	8.2	4.8	3.5	6.3	1.6	1.0	0.8

Female Labor Force in Maine in Thousands

ITEM	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Labor Force	201.5	203.5	196.7
Unemployed	15.9	16.1	12.8
(Percent)	7.9	7.9	6.5
Resident Employed	185.6	187.4	183.9
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes ..	0.0	0.0	0.2



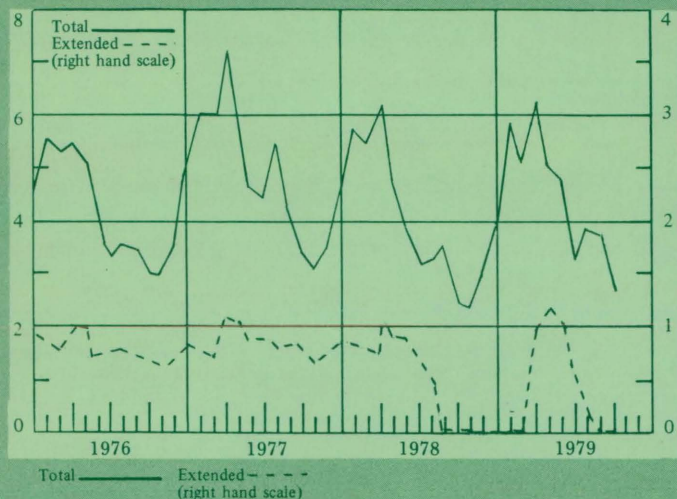
Selected Employment Security Activities



UI Benefit Payments

in Million Dollars

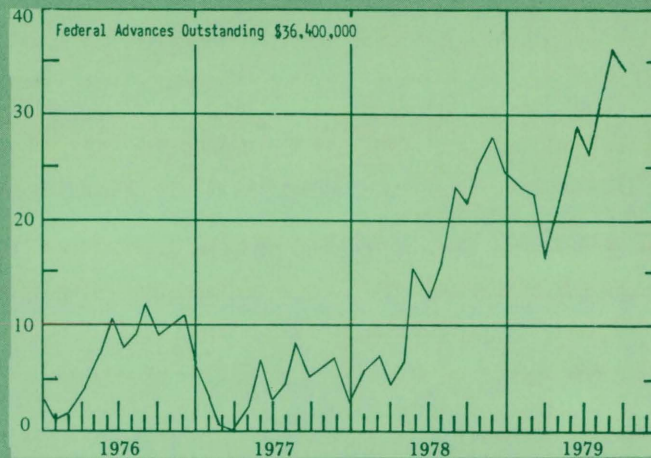
(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



Unemployment Compensation

Fund Balance in Millions

(End of Month)



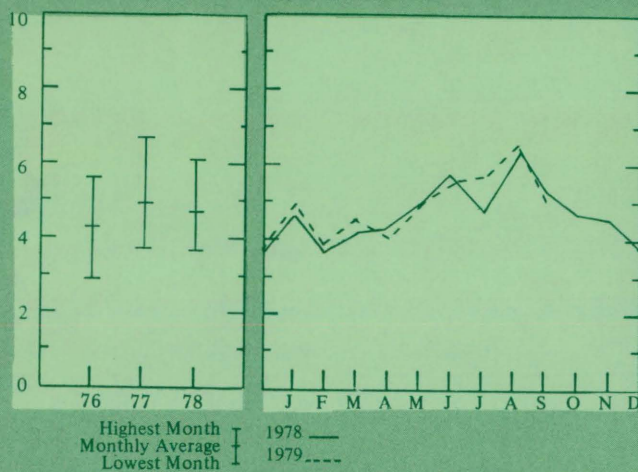
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work

in Thousands

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND SMSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary ^{1/}	418.1	422.9	414.9	88.6	89.3	87.6	35.8	35.5	34.8
Total Manufacturing	115.2	116.7	112.9	17.4	17.9	16.1	12.0	12.1	12.5
Durable Goods	42.6	42.1	38.5	7.9	8.0	6.7	2.3	2.3	2.2
Lumber and Wood Products ^{2/}	15.5	15.1	14.7	0.4	0.4	0.4	*	*	*
Metals and Machinery	16.2	16.2	14.4	6.3	6.4	5.6	1.8	1.8	1.7
Other Durable Goods ^{3/}	10.9	10.8	9.4	1.2	1.2	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.5
Nondurable Goods	72.6	74.6	74.4	9.5	9.9	9.4	9.7	9.8	10.3
Food and Kindred Products	10.7	11.6	11.3	2.3	2.4	2.3	1.4	1.4	1.4
Textile Mill Products	8.5	8.5	8.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	2.0	2.0	2.0
Apparel	4.4	4.5	4.4	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Paper and Allied Products	18.4	19.0	17.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.7	0.7	0.6
Leather and Leather Products	21.0	21.3	21.9	2.8	2.8	2.8	3.4	3.4	4.0
Footwear (except Rubber)	(17.8)	(18.1)	(18.2)	n/a	n/a	n/a	(3.1)	(3.1)	(3.6)
All Other	(3.2)	(3.2)	(3.7)	n/a	n/a	n/a	(0.3)	(0.3)	(0.4)
Other Nondurable Goods ^{4/}	9.6	9.7	10.0	4.4	4.7	4.3	2.2	2.3	2.3
Total Nonmanufacturing	302.9	306.2	302.0	71.2	71.4	71.5	23.8	23.4	22.3
Contract Construction	19.8	20.0	21.6	4.1	4.2	4.2	1.4	1.5	1.4
Transportation and Public Utilities	19.1	19.3	18.5	5.4	5.5	5.3	1.2	1.1	1.1
Wholesale and Retail Trade	92.6	95.7	93.7	22.8	23.1	24.3	8.8	8.8	7.9
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	16.2	16.5	16.0	7.2	7.3	6.8	1.6	1.6	1.4
Service and Other Nonmanufacturing	74.3	78.7	72.3	19.3	19.4	18.4	7.4	7.2	7.1
Government	80.9	76.0	79.9	12.4	11.9	12.5	3.4	3.2	3.4
Federal	(17.5)	(17.7)	(17.5)	(1.5)	(1.5)	(1.4)	(0.3)	(0.3)	(0.3)
State and Local ^{5/}	(63.4)	(58.3)	(62.4)	(10.9)	(10.4)	(11.1)	(3.1)	(2.9)	(3.1)
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.1	0.0	1.5	0.1	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0

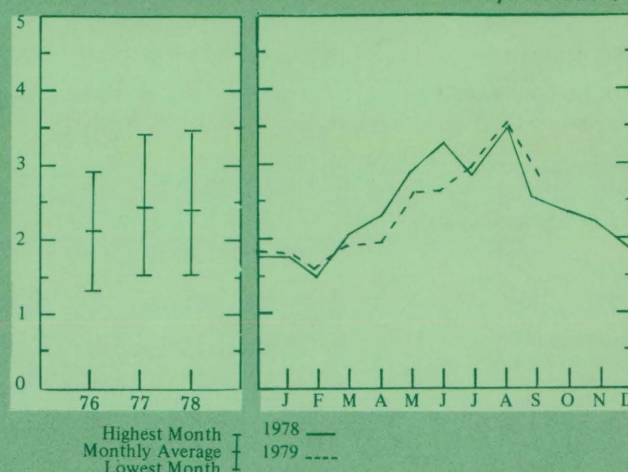
1/ Employment figures relate to full - and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/ Lumber and wood products, and furniture and fixtures are combined in the Portland series. 3/ Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 37, 38; Portland - 32, 37, 38; Lewiston - 25, 32, 37. 4/ Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 27, 28, 29, 30, 39; Portland - 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 39; Lewiston - 23, 27, 28, 29, 30, 39. 5/ Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. * - Less than 50.

New Applications For Work in Thousands



Nonfarm Placements

in Thousands
(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1978	1977	1976
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	\$223.76	\$218.80	\$203.18	40.1	40.0	40.8	\$5.58	\$5.47	\$4.98	\$4.91	\$4.52	\$4.16
Durable Goods	237.63	233.11	216.11	40.9	40.4	41.4	5.81	5.77	5.22	5.13	4.77	4.38
Lumber and Wood Products ..	231.74	231.90	206.96	40.8	40.4	40.5	5.68	5.74	5.11	5.02	4.60	4.24
Metals and Machinery	218.02	210.14	212.34	40.3	39.8	41.8	5.41	5.28	5.08	4.92	4.64	4.28
Other Durable Goods	277.02	269.51	237.59	42.1	41.4	42.2	6.58	6.51	5.63	5.63	5.29	4.70
Nondurable Goods	215.42	210.94	196.83	39.6	39.8	40.5	5.44	5.30	4.86	4.79	4.39	4.05
Food and Kindred Products ..	181.03	177.41	161.70	39.1	39.6	38.5	4.63	4.48	4.20	4.25	3.92	3.64
Textile Mill Products	179.50	181.35	170.15	39.8	40.3	41.4	4.51	4.50	4.11	4.03	3.74	3.46
Apparel	148.94	150.26	143.13	34.8	37.1	36.7	4.28	4.05	3.90	3.83	3.53	3.28
Paper and Allied Products ..	358.21	339.30	324.10	46.4	45.3	46.3	7.72	7.49	7.00	6.71	6.13	5.52
Leather and Leather Products ..	152.14	152.22	149.35	35.3	35.9	38.1	4.31	4.24	3.92	3.88	3.56	3.30
Other Nondurable Goods	190.42	188.94	168.09	39.1	39.2	39.0	4.87	4.82	4.31	4.25	3.94	3.68
PORTLAND SMSA												
Manufacturing	212.78	206.90	207.67	38.9	38.6	40.8	5.47	5.36	5.09	4.94	4.60	4.34
LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA												
Manufacturing	177.71	178.69	163.11	37.1	38.1	38.2	4.79	4.69	4.27	4.18	3.85	3.56

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec.
(1967=100) All Items	223.4	221.1	199.3	202.9

Percent Change for Past Month	+ 1.0
Percent Change from Last December	+10.1
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+12.1

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment in Thousands

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE- Statewide	500.0	499.6	492.0	471.1	469.8	467.9	28.9	29.8	24.1	5.8	6.0	4.9
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor-Brewer LMA	39,800	38,900	38,600	37,600	36,700	36,600	2,200	2,200	2,000	5.5	5.7	5.2
Biddeford-Sanford LMA	29,300	29,100	29,000	27,400	27,300	27,900	1,900	1,800	1,100	6.5	6.2	3.8
Lewiston-Auburn SMSA	38,700	36,900	36,900	36,300	34,800	35,100	2,400	2,100	1,800	6.2	5.7	4.9
Portland SMSA	83,400	83,700	84,300	79,500	79,800	80,800	3,900	3,900	3,500	4.7	4.7	4.2
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	27,080	27,570	27,070	25,530	25,910	25,700	1,550	1,660	1,370	5.7	6.0	5.1
Bath-Brunswick	20,940	20,900	19,670	19,960	19,930	18,820	980	970	850	4.7	4.6	4.3
Belfast	12,090	12,660	11,660	11,160	11,620	10,800	930	1,040	860	7.7	8.2	7.4
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset ..	7,570	8,520	7,320	7,120	8,030	6,900	450	490	420	5.9	5.8	5.7
Calais-Eastport	14,700	16,390	14,600	13,750	15,310	13,730	950	1,080	870	6.5	6.6	6.0
Caribou-Presque Isle	26,830	20,650	27,600	23,780	17,480	25,740	3,050	3,170	1,860	11.4	15.4	6.7
Central Penobscot	3,430	3,340	3,690	3,270	3,220	3,550	160	120	140	4.7	3.6	3.8
Dover-Foxcroft	6,500	6,510	6,330	6,290	6,150	6,110	210	360	220	3.2	5.5	3.5
Ellsworth	20,390	22,870	19,400	19,390	21,860	18,620	1,000	1,010	780	4.9	4.4	4.0
Farmington	13,130	13,060	14,100	12,370	12,320	13,450	760	740	650	5.8	5.7	4.6
Fort Kent-Allagash	5,690	4,190	5,270	5,340	3,810	4,930	350	380	340	6.2	9.1	6.5
Greenville	890	910	900	830	840	850	60	70	50	6.7	7.7	5.6
Houlton	6,070	4,740	6,850	5,710	4,340	6,440	360	400	410	5.9	8.4	6.0
Lincoln-Howland	5,280	5,250	5,140	5,020	4,950	4,820	260	300	320	4.9	5.7	6.2
Livermore Falls	6,430	4,920	5,310	6,010	4,530	5,000	420	390	310	6.5	7.9	5.8
Madawaska-Van Buren	5,680	4,750	5,290	5,090	4,230	4,930	590	520	360	10.4	10.9	6.8
Mechanic Falls	3,000	3,510	2,560	2,800	3,270	2,470	200	240	90	6.7	6.8	3.5
Millinocket-East Millinocket ..	4,920	4,790	5,390	4,760	4,640	5,020	160	150	370	3.3	3.1	6.9
Patten-Island Falls	3,730	2,870	4,300	3,560	2,690	4,110	170	180	190	4.6	6.3	4.4
Rockland	16,340	17,790	16,670	15,660	17,130	16,020	680	660	650	4.2	3.7	3.9
Rumford	19,490	20,050	18,970	18,470	18,940	18,130	1,020	1,110	840	5.2	5.5	4.4
Sebago Lake Region	11,170	13,040	11,030	10,560	12,370	10,580	610	670	450	5.5	5.1	4.1
Skowhegan	19,200	19,580	17,910	17,850	18,080	16,610	1,350	1,500	1,300	7.0	7.7	7.3
Kittery-York	20,350	23,910	19,220	19,900	23,380	18,860	450	530	360	2.2	2.2	1.9
Southwest Penobscot	6,910	6,880	6,810	6,130	5,830	6,100	780	1,050	710	11.3	15.3	10.4
Waterville	21,070	21,380	20,270	20,100	20,380	19,310	970	1,000	960	4.6	4.7	4.7
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	n/a	1,581.9	1,522.0	n/a	1,506.1	1,453.0	n/a	75.8	69.0	n/a	4.8	4.5
Massachusetts	2,912.0	2,936.0	2,807.1	2,725.0	2,798.0	2,645.4	187.0	138.0	161.7	6.4	4.7	5.8
New Hampshire	n/a	462.9	438.5	n/a	450.8	424.3	n/a	12.1	14.2	n/a	2.6	3.2
Rhode Island	456.7	460.5	438.6	433.7	433.4	413.0	23.0	27.1	25.6	5.0	5.9	5.8
Vermont	n/a	244.7	239.1	n/a	234.4	228.4	n/a	10.3	10.7	n/a	4.2	4.5
NEW ENGLAND STATES. ..	n/a	5,686.0	5,445.3	n/a	5,422.7	5,164.1	n/a	263.3	281.2	n/a	4.6	5.2
UNITED STATES 3/	103,373	104,363	100,838	97,575	98,226	95,041	5,798	6,137	5,797	5.6	5.9	5.7

Area Definitions

LMA - Labor Market Area

SMSA - Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area

Footnotes

1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data adjusted to a place of residence basis. Excludes members of the Armed Forces.

2/ Current and last month figures preliminary; year ago figures revised.

3/ National estimates based on a sample of household visits; state estimates based on enlargements of employment figures reported.

Note

n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing. Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding.

Mid-Month Insured Unemployment (Less Partial)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND SMSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued-Week Claimants	8,178	9,339	7,417	1,112	1,317	1,091	637	480	710
Insured Unemployment Rate *	2.1	2.3	1.9	1.5	1.7	1.5	1.9	1.4	2.2

* Should not be confused with insured unemployment rates as defined in the Employment Security Law.

Workers who have been certified as eligible to apply for adjustment assistance may file a claim for these benefits at any office of the Maine Department of Manpower Affairs. To qualify, the worker must have been separated from the affected employer or placed on a reduced work schedule because of lack of work on or after the impact date. The worker also must have earned weekly wages of \$30 or more for at least 26 of the 52 weeks before the separation or work reduction occurred. Eligible workers may receive weekly allowances of up to 70 percent of their average weekly wage, but not more than the national average weekly manufacturing wage. These allowances are available normally for 52 weeks; however, an additional 26 weeks of allowances may be provided to a worker who participates in approved training, or who was age 60 or over when the layoff occurred.

If there are no suitable jobs to be found for the worker, the Maine Job Service can assist the worker in obtaining training. The worker may also be eligible for payments to help cover transportation costs and living expenses while receiving training.

Workers who are unable to find employment near their residence and who want to travel elsewhere to look for work may qualify for a job search allowance. If the worker obtains a new job and has to move, the program offers financial assistance to relocate the worker's household.

In Maine, workers from 30 firms have been certified as eligible to apply for worker adjustment assistance. The primary industries in Maine affected by imports have been the rubber and miscellaneous plastics products industry and the leather and leather products industry. Other principal industries affected have been manufacturers of apparel and other textile products, lumber and wood products, paper and allied products, and fabricated metal products. Over 6,100 workers laid off from the 30 Maine firms have received adjustment assistance benefits.

Workers may obtain further information about the Trade Act of 1974 from the nearest office of the Maine Department of Manpower Affairs. The Petition for Adjustment Assistance (ILAB Form 20) may be obtained at these offices or by writing to: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of International Labor Affairs, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance, Washington, D.C. 20210.

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